

Dear E&T Committee clerk Energy & Tech Comm Energy & Tech Comm,

Dear Senator Needleman, Representative Arconti, and members of the Energy and Technology Committee,

Please advance a Green New Deal for Connecticut by supporting Proposed Bill 5002.

I ask the Committee to fully draft and support Green New Deal legislation that will shape a healthier and more equitable for Connecticut residents by:

Regaining the confidence of small businesses and saving money for working families by restoring the Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy funds and protecting ratepayer funds from future budget raids.

Increasing use of solar and offshore wind and ensuring clean energy's benefits are accessible for low and middle income families.

Upgrading coastal infrastructure to prepare for storms and sea level rise, including use of marshes, dunes, and rain gardens to prevent flooding and buffer waves.

Investing in Connecticut's bus and rail systems and making it easier for residents and businesses to adopt zero-emission vehicles, and .

Generating high-quality employment for thousands of Connecticut residents through a solar jobs training program, infrastructure investments, and community workforce agreements to hire from disadvantaged communities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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